Utilisation of Satrams for other purposes.

60. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of *satrams* in the State constructed for the use of the public ;

(*b*) how many of them are being used as such by the people ; and

(*c*) how many are being used as Schools, Munsiffs' Courts, etc. ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) 56.

(*b*) 43.

(*c*) Four *satrams* are used as Munsiffs' Courts, three as Pakuthi Cutcherries, two as Schools, one as a Stationary Magistrate's Court and one as a Sub-Registry Office. One *satram* has been converted into a Palace and another *satram* is being temporarily used as a Co-operative Store.

Copyists in Taluk Offices.

61. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the number of copyists employed in a Taluk Office is fixed according to the quantity of work in that office ;

(*b*) the quantity of work a copyist is expected to do a day ;

(*c*) whether the quantity of work of the copyists in the several Taluk Offices has been steady or varying ;

(*d*) whether these copyists are entitled to pay and pension just like other Government servants and

(*e*) if the answer to part ;*d*) is in the negative, whether copyists are employed in any other department without pay and pension ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Copying 12 pages of copy stamp paper with 175 words on each page.

(*c*) The quantity of work in each office varies with the demand for copies.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With reference to part (*c*) I beg to remind the President that my question was whether the quantity of work of the copyists in the several Taluk Offices has been steady or varying without reference to the time. The answer given is that the quantity of work in each office varies with the demand for copies. May I know whether the work has been varying or steady ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The answer covers that. It has been varying, it is varying and it will be varying.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether it has been varying ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, it has been.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is it the case in all the taluks?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): In most of the taluks. No two taluks are identical.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has it been on the increase or on the decrease?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That will have to be ascertained. So I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): What I wish to know is, whether it has been varying, and when the Government ascertained this, it should have known whether it is on the decrease or increase?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The fact that it has been varying has been ascertained. As to the extent of variation and in which taluks the work has been varying, I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With regard to the answer to part (*e*) may I know whether copyists are employed in the Judicial Department on permanent pay and pension?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is the work in the Judicial offices varying or steady?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Does the member know that the quantity of work in the Judicial offices also varies with the demand for copies.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be. But there is the possibility in the Judicial Department of a fixed minimum work. The case in the Revenue offices is different.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is there not a fixed minimum work prescribed for the copyists in the Revenue Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary of Government*): Yes. The number of copyists to be retained or sent away will depend on the increase or decrease of work. In the case of the Revenue Department, it is only now and then that copies are wanted. That is not the case in the Judicial Department.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Does the member know according to the rules of the Civil Courts Guide the parties have to obtain copies of chittas for bringing the properties to the auction sale and this has been a standing rule?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be. But the number has to be spread over the different taluks.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government ascertain whether the quantity of work has been decreasing in the Taluk Offices ?

MR. T. P RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes, we can ascertain it.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government consider whether these posts could be made permanent if the work has not decreased ?

PRESIDENT : You suggest a course of action which is inadmissible.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : It is only an information.

PRESIDENT : That is only a suggestion for a course of action. Hence it is inadmissible.

Repairs to Karingalichal, Mavelikara Taluk.

62. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether an estimate for constructing and repairing the Karingalichal canal in the Mavelikara taluk has been obtained, and, if so, the date of its receipt ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether that estimate has obtained the sanction of the Government, and, if so, the date of such sanction ; and

(*c*) the length, width and depth of the proposed canal ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes on the 27th March, 1926.

(*b*) The estimate was sanctioned by the Government on the 13th January, 1928.

(*c*) Length—8,350 ft.
Width—10 ft. bottom width.
Depth – Varies according to the lie of the ground.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state why after getting an estimate on the 27th March 1926 they took one and a half years for sanctioning it ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : The matter was under reference with the Land Revenue Commissioner.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : For the whole time ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes. He was examining the question of the benefits to be had by this work and the possibility of levy of a cess. All these details have had to be examined by the Land Revenue Commissioner.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know what was the report ?

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